Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 23 Feb 2021 at 13:52 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a another couple of days of windy and occasionally wet weather and for increasingly settled conditions to become established through the weekend. Lower for the extent of rainfall at the end of the week.

Headline for Wednesday 24 Feb 2021: Very windy with further rain, mostly through morning. Some brightness too.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	50%	00%	60%	50%	30%	20%	20%

Forecast for Wednesday 24 Feb 2021

Weather: Patchy rain and drier spells through the early hours. A dull and for some places, wet start to Wednesday with plenty of cloud shrouding the hills. Rain may turn heavy in places through morning but will give way to clearer skies in the afternoon. The odd wintry shower is possible through evening near coasts, but otherwise skies will be clear.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% morning, improving to 80% through afternoon.

Visibility: Cloud will be quite extensive through morning above around 400-600m but will lift from the west from mid to late morning with most, if not all summits becoming cloud free. Generally good visibility below the cloud base, but perhaps turning a little hazy during rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	44/64 SW	41/56 SW	44/60 S	43/60 S	39/54 SW	34/48 SW	31/44 SW	30/43 SW	29/43 SW
900	33/52 SW	29/44 SW	31/47 S	31/47 SW	29/44 SW	26/39 SW	22/35 SW	22/35 SW	23/36 SW
600	40/58 SW	35/49 SW	39/54 S	38/54 SW	34/49 SW	30/44 SW	27/38 SW	25/37 SW	26/39 SW
300	24/43 S	21/37 S	22/39 S	23/40 S	23/41 SW	19/34 SW	16/29 SW	14/27 SW	15/29 SW
Glen	18/41 SW	16/35 SW	18/39 S	18/39 S	18/39 SW	16/34 SW	11/27 SW	10/26 SW	13/29 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-8	1/-8	0/-8	0/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-11
900	4/-3	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4	1/-5	1/-5	0/-6
600	6/0	5/-1	6/-1	5/-1	6/-0	5/-1	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3
300	8/4	8/3	8/3	8/3	8/3	7/3	6/2	6/2	5/1
Glen	10/7	9/6	10/6	10/6	10/6	9/6	8/5	7/4	7/4
Freezing Level*	1400m	1300m	1300m	1300m	1200m	1100m	900m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Sunshine, albeit limited, likely to give glare off the remaining snowpack. Goggles will offer best protection against this and the strong winds.

Forecast for Thursday 25 Feb 2021
Weather: A cold and windy day with scattered snow showers brought in on fresh to strong westerly winds. Showers falling as snow above 600-700m and rain and hail below this. Some bright or sunny interludes between these, especially through afternoon as showers tend to fade. Cloud thickening and lowering through evening.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 25-30 gusting 45mph, decreasing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% morning, 70% afternoon.

Visibility: Areas of cloud expected above around 500-700m through morning, perhaps briefly lower in and around showers. Breaks developing more widely through afternoon with cloud only occasional above around 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** 5 rising 8C.
At 800m: Around minus 1C.
Freezing level: 700-900m.

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